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COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

TRANSMITTING A REPORT

FROM THE

LAND COMMISSIONERS

AT ST. HELENA.



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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE,*1st January, 1821.*

SIR : I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of the report of the Land Commissioners at St. Helena, dated 18th November, 1820, with lists of claims marked A, B, and C, and a list of settlers; also, a copy of a letter from the Commissioners, dated 18th November, 1820.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

JOSIAH MEIGS.

The Hon. the PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

LAND OFFICE, ST. HELENA,

18th November, 1820.

SIR : We have the honor to transmit you a final list of settlement claims, with our corresponding opinions thereupon, marked C No. 1. On the subject of claims founded on titles, complete or incomplete, and reported by us favorably, we have conceived it unnecessary to subjoin any comments. A majority of them were granted by the government of Spain prior to 1803. Such as bear date subsequently to that time have the collateral aids of actual occupancy and cultivation. They will be found under registers A and B, Nos. 2 and 3.

Register C No. 4 comprehends British patents. No proof has been exhibited by the claimants that there ever was, on their part, a compliance with the requisitions of the law of the 3d of March, 1819. They are respectfully submitted to the consideration of Congress.

A few anomalous claims remain yet in our office, on which we have not yet reported. They were entered within the time limited by law, but unaccompanied by the original title papers, the claimants not having them in their possession. When they made their entries they solicited a short time to enable them, if possible, to procure those titles. We deemed it prudent to grant them this indulgence. They will be reported in time to meet the examination of the present session of Congress. All of which is respectfully submitted.

We have the honor to be, sir,

With considerations of high esteem,

Most respectfully, your obedient servants.

CHARLES S. COSBY,
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

The Honorable JOSIAH MEIGS,

Commissioner General Land Office.

General Land Office.

The reports, or registers, received with this letter, are marked:

A No. 1.

B No. 2.

C No. 4.

A list of settlers not marked, and a long letter, or report, dated 18th November, 1820.

A.

REGISTER of Claims to Land in the district west of Pearl River, in Louisiana, said to be derived from British or Spanish authorities, which, in the opinion of the undersigned, Register and Receiver, are valid agreeably to the laws, usages, and customs, of said Governments.

NUMBER.	PRESENT CLAIMANTS.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANTS.	NATURE OF CLAIMS.	DATE OF CLAIMS.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED.		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.		GENERAL REMARKS.
								WHEN	BY WHOM.	FROM	TO	
1	R. D. Richardson	David Ross	Spanish Patent	August 22, 1796	800	E. Baton Rouge	Carondelet	March 17, 1796	C. Trudeau			
2	Heirs of Margaret Watts	Margaret Watts	do do	Jan. 19, 1796	1,000	do do	do	October 15, 1799	V. S. Pintado			
3	Francis Herault, et al.	M. Gayosa de Lemos	do do	Sept. 15, 1798	1,000	do do	do	February 10, 1797	C. Trudeau			
4	Joseph Vidal	Peter Goudeau	do do	Sept. 19, 1801	600	Feliciana	Morales	August 31, 1801	do			
5	Same	Francis Miranda	do do	Feb. 10, 1804	800	do	do	October 27, 1803	V. S. Pintado	1800	1819	
6	Same	Fernandez de Velasco	do do	Sept. 16, 1803	800	do	do	October 25, 1801	do			
7	John Kemperlin	John Gana	do do	Jan. 24, 1792	243	do	Carondelet	January 23, 1792	C. Trudeau			
8	William Barrow	Thomas Hearne	do do	Jan. 12, 1804	385	do	Morales	December 15, 1803	do	1800	1820	Originally granted in 1789.
9	Same	Thomas M. Green	do do	Nov. 23, 1796	240	do	Carondelet	November 19, 1796	do			
10	John Rhea	William Smith	do do	Feb. 5, 1799	480	do	G. de Zemos	February 7, 1799	do			
11	John Bulher, et al.	Benjamin J. Smith	do do	Nov. 8, 1785	2,508½	E. Baton Rouge	E. Miro	October 20, 1785	do			
12	Same	David Ross	do do	Oct. 3, 1786	720	do do	do	October 28, 1785	do			
13	Heirs of John Witlow	John Witlow	do do	April 3, 1793	400	Feliciana	Carondelet	August 30, 1793	do			
14	Heirs of W. Coleman	John Barclay	do do	June 20, 1793	600	do	do	April 3, 1793	do			
15	John F. Carmichael	John Barclay	do do	June 12, 1798	255	do	do	May 12, 1798	do			
16	Gilbert Piper	William Leonard	do do	July 8, 1791	400	do	do	June 7, 1799	do			Certified a true copy by C. Valdez.
17	Heirs of William Lintot	William Lintot	do do	Feb. 4, 1797	800	do	do	February 3, 1797	do			
18	George Kimball	James Stewart	do do	Oct. 24, 1797	240	do	G. de Lemos	March 24, 1797	do			
19	John Baker	Arthur Cobb	do do	April 9, 1790	500	do	E. Miro	November 10, 1798	do			
20	Same	John Lintot	do do	Oct. 2, 1797	800	do	G. de Lemos	September 26, 1797	do			
21	Alice Mulholan	Alice Mulholan	do do	Feb. 7, 1798	500	do	do	February 15, 1798	do			
22	Washington White	John Coleman	do do	April 18, 1789	150	do	E. Miro	April 15, 1789	do			
23	Same	Same	do do	April 18, 1789	150	do	do	April 15, 1789	do			
24	John Ratliffe	Lewis Alston	do do	April 18, 1789	400	do	do	December 13, 1789	do			
25	James Perrie	M. S. L. Trudeau	do do	Nov. 23, 1796	400	do	Carondelet					Certified copy from the Register of the Eastern District, 10th of May, 1818.
26	Heirs of W. Dunbar	Charles Todd	do do	August 20, 1794	600	do	do	March 17, 1794	C. Trudeau			
27	Same	John Fridge	do do	Dec. 12, 1786	240	do	E. Miro	December 19, 1786	do			
28	James Flower	Herbert Rowel	do do	Oct. 13, 1797	800	do	G. de Lemos	October 10, 1797	do			
29	Same	Archibald Robinson	do do	Dec. 5, 1795	400	do	Carondelet	September 26, 1795	do			
30	Heirs of Samuel Flower	Samuel Flower	do do	August 5, 1797	800	do	do	August 4, 1797	do	1796	1820	
31	Heirs of W. Weeks	William P. Collins	do do	Dec. 5, 1795	640	do	do	October 7, 1795	do			
32	Luther Smith	Luther Smith	do do	Nov. 20, 1803	250	do	Morales	November 15, 1799	do			
33	Same	T. & W. Collins	do do	Jan. 4, 1804	1,200	do	do	June 10, 1799	do	1800	1820	
34	T. & B. Smith	William Stevens	do do	May 25, 1791	560	do	E. Miro	May 24, 1791	do			
35	Same	Same	do do	Oct. 25, 1796	400	do	Carondelet	October 22, 1796	do			
36	John T. Scott	Abraham Lobdell	do do	Nov. 19, 1803	500	Baton Rouge	Morales			1800	1820	
37	Same	Francis Ponssett	do do	March 2, 1798	500	do do	Carondelet					
38	Widow Miranda	Juan Perez	do do	Feb 24, 1810	3 arpens, 80 perches & 18 feet	do do	Morales	September 27, 1809	F. Dupin	1806	1820	
39	William Wikoff	Willam Wikoff	do do	May 15, 1789	1,000	do do	E. Miro	April 25, 1789	C. Trudeau			
40	Heirs of Samuel Flower	John Dorth	do do	Dec. 10, 1795	500	Feliciana	Carondelet	December 7, 1795	do			
41	Samuel Davis	John Alston	do do	Sept. 15, 1793	400	do	do	September 10, 1793	do	1800	1820	
42	Rebecca Smith	William Alston	do do	April 18, 1789	400	do	Miro	April 15, 1789	do			
43	Same	Lewis Alston	do do	April 21, 1789	400	do	do	April 15, 1789	do			
44	Thomas A. Dortch	John Knowland	do do	March 15, 1804	480	do	Morales	December 10, 1803	V. Pintado	1790	1820	Certified a true copy by the Register of the Eastern District, 19th of December, 1817.
45	Louis Favort, et al.	T. P. O. Blanchard	do do	Dec. 6, 1788	1,200	Baton Rouge	Miro			1790	1820	
46	John Middlemast	Widow Mon Santo	do do	August 20, 1794	600	Feliciana	Carondelet	May 16, 1794	C. Trudeau			
47	Heirs of Landon Davis	Henry Nicholson	British Patent	July 24, 1772	200	St. Helena	P. Chester	July 8, 1772	E. Durnford			Inhabited and cultivated in 1782 and 1783.
48	Same	Landon Davis	do do	July 12, 1772	300	do	do	July 5, 1772	do			do do
49	Same	Same	do do	Dec. 31, 1775	100	do	do	July 1, 1776	do			do do

Hon. JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of General Land Office.

CHARLES S. COSBY,
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

REGISTER of Claims to Land in the District west of ——— river, in Louisiana, founded on orders of survey, requettes, permission to settle, or other evidences of claims, which, in the opinion of the undersigned Register and Receiver, ought to be confirmed.

NUMBER.	PRESENT CLAIMANT.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	DATE OF CLAIMS.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.		GENERAL REMARKS.
								WHEN	BY WHOM.	FROM	TO	
1	Heirs of Elias Beauregard	Elias Beauregard	Order of survey	May 6, 1795	1,000	E. B. Rouge	Carondelet	April 24, 1806	J. C. Kneeland			
2	Heirs of Pierre Rousseau	Pierre Rousseau	Plat and certificate.		800	Feliciana		February 25, 1799	C. Trudeau			
3	Jose de Alamo	Jose de Alamo	do do		250	St. Helena		May 9, 1806	V. Pintado	1799	1820	
4	C. Luppé	Michael Walsh	Order of survey	February 19, 1794	400	E. B. Rouge	Carondelet	February 8, 1796	C. Trudeau			
5	V. and D. Bouligny	U. Bouligny	do do	January 25, 1797	2,000	do	do	December 15, 1803	V. Pintado			
6	Heirs of F. Bouligny	F. Bouligny	do do	May 6, 1783	2,400	do	E. Miro	do do	do			Certified true copy by V. S. Pintado, Dec. 15, 1808.
7	William Dewees	G. Rapalje	Plat and certificate		200	do	do	September 17, 1785	C. Trudeau	1800	1820	
8	Elizabeth Roach	John Rnss	do do		200	do	do	January 12, 1799	V. Pintado	1806	1820	
9	Pedro Cussot	Pedro Cussot	Order of survey	October 27, 1789	400	St. Helena	E. Miro	January 26, 1803	C. Trudeau			
10	A. Brigné	Juan Dias	Plat and certificate	March 8, 1809	220	do	do	March 8, 1819	V. Pintado	1791	1820	
11	John A. Hiltz	James M. Bradford	Sale	August 19, 1819	400	Feliciana				1800	1820	
12	John Kemperling	Abraham Hutz	Order of survey	April 20, 1806	300	do	Grandpré			1809	1815	
13	Heirs of Hy. Richardson	Philip Brashears	Sale	May 4, 1801	490	do				1807	1820	
14	Heirs of Garnheart	Michael Garnheart	Order of survey	September 23, 1797	400	do	De Lemos	February 8, 1800	V. S. Pintado			
15	Anthony Hanez	Anthony Hanez	Plat and certificate		300	Baton Rouge		October 21, 1799	C. Trudeau	1800	1820	
16	Edward Sullivan	Edward Sullivan	Order of survey	September 18, 1798	339 8 ps. 5 ft.	do	De Lemos	December 30, 1803	P. Marvin	1800	1820	
17	John Rhea	John Buck	Sale		240	Feliciana				1800	1820	
18	A. Baudin	C. Trudeau	Order of survey	December 31, 1788	1,000	do	Miro					Certified by the Register of the E. District, Do. do. [24th March, 1820.
19	Same	Same	do do	do do	1,000	do	do					
20	Heirs of P. Leibert	P. Liebert	Permission	October 19, 1802	4	do	Saludo			1800	1820	
21	John Murdock	John Barnhill	Plat and certificate		930	do		December 20, 1806	J. C. Kneeland	1797	1820	
22	B. Brewer	John Poirer	do do		28	B. Rouge		October 12, 1804	V. Pintado	1800	1820	
23	P. de la Ronde	C. de Reggio	Order of survey	November 24, 1786	1,600	St. Tammany	E. Miro	November 23, 1802	C. Trudeau			
24	Same	P. de la Ronde	Plat and certificate		800	do		July 13, 1798	do			
25	Nicholas Kemperlin	N. Kemperlin	do do		401	Feliciana		June 2, 1809	J. C. Kneeland	1807	1820	
26	Michael Williams	M. Williams	do do		400	do		June 26, 1800	C. Trudeau	1807	1820	
27	Gilbert Piper	Do			Lot 160 feet	do		April 17, 1810	J. C. Kneeland	1803	1820	
28	John Austin	John Austin	do do		564	do				1807	1820	
29	Antonio Travidos	E. Randolph	Sale	October 8, 1816	240	do				1808	1820	
30	Same	Same	do do	do do	250	do				1808	1820	
31	Same	Same	do do	do do	800	do				1808	1820	
32	James Young	Charles Reardon	Order of survey	March 17, 1795	400	do	Carondelet					
33	John Row	John Row	Plat and certificate		400	do		May 15, 1806	J. C. Kneeland	1807	1820	
34	Amos Burnett	John Burnett	do do		1,000	do		April 13, 1807	I. Roach	1807	1820	
35	Hugh Mulholon	Hugh Mulholon	Order of survey	May 18, 1796	400	Feliciana	Carondelet			1796	1820	
36	Sympson and Harbour	John Buhler	Sale	April 2, 1796	360	do						
37	James Perrie	John Barclay	Order of survey	October 14, 1806	1,000	do	Grandpré			1805	1820	
38	Heirs of A. Sterling	Alexander Sterling	do do	December 17, 1801	Surplus land	do	Morales			1801	1820	
39	H. H. Gurley	Simon Diagre	Permission	1787	1,280	E. B. Rouge	Carondelet			1787	1820	
40	James Flower	Mary Carpenter	Plat and certificate		600	Feliciana		May 8, 1798	C. Trudeau			
41	Levi O. Sholer	Robert Percy	Public sale	April 20, 1817	240	do				1802	1820	
42	Elizabeth Nash	Cyrus Nash	Order of survey	November 11, 1806	240	St. Helena	Grandpré			1810	1820	
43	B. Marigny	P. Marigny	do do	February 17, 1797	1,200	Baton Rouge	Carondelet					
44	John Davenport et al.	M. Serry Palao	do do	May 9, 1783	800	do	Miro					
45	Mary Lane	John Ratliffe	Permission	November 13, 1799	500	Feliciana	Lemos			1812	1820	
46	Hy. Flower	James Kavenagh	Order of survey	June 26, 1806	3,420	do	Grandpré	July 26, 1806	J. C. Kneeland	1807	1820	
47	Hamilton Pollock	John Cushing	Plat and certificate		400	do		June 21, 1800	C. Trudeau			
48	Heirs of Hugh Conelly	Hugh Conelly	Order of survey	July 30, 1806	300	do	Grandpré			1806	1820	
49	Heirs of Samuel Morris	Samuel Morris	do do	February 7, 1797	600	do	Carondelet	July 28, 1797	Wm. Dunbar			

B.
REGISTER—Continued.

NUMBER.	PRESENT CLAIMANT.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	DATE OF CLAIM.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED.		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.		GENERAL REMARKS.
								WHEN.	BY WHOM.	FROM	TO	
50	Daniel Thomas	Gabriel Blackburn	Plat and certificate		817	Feliciana		August 21, 1805.	V. S. Pintado	1806	1820	
51	Ann Kerr	Ann Kerr	Order of survey	November 5, 1798	400	do	G. de Lemos	November 16, 1799	C. Trudeau			
52	C. Bingaman	John Row	Plat and certificate		240	do		October 14, 1790.	Wm. Dunbar	1800	1820	
53	John Bills	C. Neilson	Order of survey	June 30, 1806	660	do	Grandpré	July 12, 1806	J. C. Kneeland	1798	1820	
54	Heirs of C. Bolling	James Duly	Plat and certificate		320	E. B. Rouge		January 24, 1794	C. Bolling			
55	Wm. R. Willis	Joseph Alamo	do do		400	St. Helena		May 5, 1809.	V. S. Pintado	1790	1820	
56	John Delassize	John Delassize	Order of survey	April, 1799	500	Feliciana	De Lemos	May 8, 1804	do			
57	Samuel Cuwell	Thomas Harbour	do do	December 17, 1798	396	do	do	November 16, 1799	C. Trudeau			
58	John O'Riely, et al.	John O'Riely			600	do		December 7, 1798	do			
59	John Bacon	John Bacon	Recommendation	November 17, 1802	150	do	Grandpré			1802	1820	
60	Isaac Tabor	Isaac Tabor	Plat and certificate		550	do		December 11, 1804	V. S. Pintado	1802	1820	
61	Same	Same	Order of survey	August 19, 1806		do	Grandpré			1812	1820	
62	Kendrick	Kendrick	do do	September 20, 1806	344	St. Helena	do	January 13, 1807	J. C. Kneeland	1802	1820	
63	Joyce	George Shrier	do do	February 1, 1799	250	E. B. Rouge	De Lemos	October 15, 1799	V. S. Pintado			
64	Peter Garitay	Antonio Monget	Plat and certificate		Lot 4 acres	do		January 23, 1809	do	1805	1820	
65	Same	Thomas Pereyra	do do		do	do		do do	do	1805	1820	
66	Lydia Tessier	Joseph Dias	do do		Lot	do		do do	do	1808	1820	
67	Same	Jacob Drake	do do		Do	do		do do	do	1808	1820	
68	John Maillard		Public sale	June 16, 1817	100 arpents	do				1798	1820	
69	Joseph del Pino	Joseph del Pino	Plat and certificate		Lot	do		January 23, 1809	V. S. Pintado	1805	1820	
70	Diego Quintana	Diego Quintana	do do		Do	do		do do	do	1807	1820	
71	F. B. Dumontier	F. B. Dumontier	Order of survey	September 15, 1798	600	Feliciana	De Lemos					
72	H. H. Gurley, et al.	Dorothea Fouzer	do do	February 5, 1789	400	E. B. Rouge	E. Miro	December 23, 1793	Wm. Dunbar			
73	S. T. and R. de Grandpré	S. T. and R. de Grandpré	do do	October 13, 1802	1,500	do	Morales	September 11, 1803	C. Trudeau			

The Hon. JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

LAND OFFICE ST. HELENA, 18th November, 1820.

CHARLES S. COSBY,
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

REGISTER of Claims to Land in the district west of Pearl river, in Louisiana, founded on British Patents, on which Lands no settlements have been proved.

NO.	BY WHOM CLAIMED.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	DATE OF CLAIM.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED.		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.		GENERAL REMARKS.
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1	E. W. Durnford	E. Durnford	Fiat	1772, August	1	50	Baton Rouge & St. Helena	Peter Chester				
2	Rebecca Durnford	R. Durnford	British Patent	July	28	1,000	-	do				
3	E. Durnford	E. Durnford	do		30	500	-	do				
4	do	do	do	February	4	500	do do	do				
5	do	do	do	July	24	100	-	do				
6	do	do	do		24	10,000	-	do				
7	do	do	do		30	150	-	do				
8	do	do	do		30	1,000	do do	do				
9	do	do	do		8	613	do do	do				
10	do	do	do		24	500	do do	do				
11	do	do	do		31	300	do do	do				
12	Daniel Boardman	P. Livingston	do		24	150	do do	do				
13	do	do	do	May	14	1,000	do do	do				
14	do	Duncan Campbell	do	July	9	200	-	do				
15	do	Fr. Downman	do		24	500	-	do				
16	do	Thomas Usher	do		9	700	-	do				
17	do	Robert Farmer	do	1777, April	5	600	-	do				
18	do	P. Livingston	do	1778, May	14	3,000	-	do				
19	do	do	do		14	2,993	-	do				
20	do	do	do		14	2,078	-	do				
21	do	do	do		14	2,000	-	do				
22	do	do	do		14	2,000	-	do				
23	do	Jonathan Pinney	do	1776, October	26	470	Feliciana	-	1776, October	25	Durnford	
24	do	do	do		26	450	do	-		25	do	
25	do	do	do		26	80	do	do		25	do	
26	do	P. Livingston	do	1778, May	14	1,000	do	do				
27	do	do	do	1776, July	22	922	do	do	July	19	do	
28	do	G. Eberhard	do	1778, May	14	100	-	-	1777, November	19	do	
29	do	do	do		14	300	-	-	December	5	do	
30	do	do	do		14	400	-	-		11	do	
31	do	do	do		14	192	-	-	1774, April	4	do	
32	do	Garret Abeel	do	1775, October	17	2,000	-	-	1775, October	14	do	
33	do	John Marr	do	1778, November	4	300	-	-	1778, October	28	E. Durnford	
34	do	John A. Martin	do	1772, July	24	1,000	do	do	1772, May	29	do	
35	do	do	do	1775, February	1	500	Baton Rouge	do	1775, January	9	Wilton	
36	do	Alexander Maccullagh	Lease and release	1772, August	27	500	Feliciana					
37	do	Robert Jowley	British patent	July	9	600	St. Helena	do	1772, May	4	Durnford	
38	do	Benjamin Dean	do	August	1	500	Baton Rouge	do	August	1	do	
39	do	do	do		1	500	St. Helena	do		1	do	
40	do	Edward Carroll	do		4	600	Feliciana	do		3	do	
41	do	Collin Graham	Lease and release		29	500	do					
42	do	Richard Carrique	do		28	300	do					
43	do	P. Livingston	British patent	July	9	234	Baton Rouge	do	May	15	do	
44	do	do	British patents	1777, April	10	7,400	Feliciana	do				
45	do	Alexander Legerwood	Lease and release	1772, August	1	300	do					
46	do	John Shortland	do	July	31	300	do					
47	do	John Crozer	Partition	1776, September	7	500						
48	do	Robert Barker	Lease and release	1772, March	23	300						
49	do	do	do	1773, February	3	550	Feliciana					
50	do	William Patterson	do	March	23	300	Baton Rouge					
51	do	Walter Young	do		23	300						
52	do	William Barnaby	do	1772, September	25	300						
53	do	do	do		25	500						
54	do	C. Paul	do	1773, February	19	300						
55	do	Francis Miller	do	1776, June	4	1,000						
56	Thomas Morgan	James Deimer	British patent	May	6	1,000	Feliciana	-	1776, April	24	do	
57	Alexander Maccullagh	Alexander Maccullagh	do		5	500	do					

LAND OFFICE St. Helena, 18th November, 1820.

CHARLES S. COSBY.
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

ABSTRACT containing a list of the names of Settlers on Land in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the Mississippi river, and west of Pearl river, who have no claims thereto derived from either the French, British, or Spanish Governments.

PARTIES NAMES.	PARISHES.	CLAIMANTS BY SETTLEMENT AND PURCHASE.		TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		GENERAL REMARKS.	PARTIES NAMES.	PARISHES.	CLAIMANTS BY SETTLEMENT AND PURCHASE.		TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		GENERAL REMARKS.
		NO. BY SETTLEMENT.	NO. BY PURCHASE.	MONTH.	YEAR.				NO. BY SETTLEMENT.	NO. BY PURCHASE.	MONTH.	YEAR.	
Jacob Bankston	Baton Rouge	1			1806		V. T. Dalton	E. Baton Rouge	45			1808	
William Brumfield	St. Tammany	2			1813	Cultivated ever since.	Henry Badon	St. Tammany	46			1809	
John de Arman	Feliciana	3			1803		John Roberts	do	47			1811	
Duffy D. Ray	St. Helena	4			1804		John Davis	do	48			1819	
Charles Smith	St. Tammany	5	1		1807		John Roberts	do		11		1819	
Same	do	6		March	1817		Isaac Foster	Feliciana		12		1806	
Tabetha Hogans	do	7			1817		William Young	do	49			1813	
William Lambert	Feliciana	8			1811		John Leggo	do	50			1812	
Alexander Scott	do	9			1815	Cultivated since.	Abner Glover	St. Helena	51			1812	
William Fleming	St. Helena	10		January	1819		R. Carter	St. Tammany		13		1812	
Richard Carter	do	11		October	1811		R. Higginbotham	do		14		1812	
Aaron Lilly	Feliciana	12		October	1818		Samuel Harbour	E. Baton Rouge		15		1805	
Joseph Dunbar	do	13			1819		John Wilson	Feliciana	52			1807	
Thomas Jackson	do	14			1812		N. Marsh	do	53			1810	
Lubin Stokes	do	15			1816		Landon Sevier	E. Baton Rouge	54			1818	
David Campbell	do		2		1812		George Jackson	do	55			1814	
Alexander Morrison	do		3		1812		Same	do		16		1813	
Heirs of Donald M. Queen	do	16			1804		David Jackson	do	56			1812	
Sherard Lee		17			1812		Jacob Russell	St. Tammany	57			1818	
Janet Howard	Feliciana	18			1808		William M. Dermott	do	58			1815	
James C. Black	do	19			1804		John Thingpen	do	59			1816	
Alexander M. Clenen	do		4				Hugh Montgomery	do	60			1817	
John Power	E. Baton Rouge	20			1812	Cultivated since.	Benjamin Hart	do	61			1819	
Westley Chambers	do	21			1816	do	Charles Ingram	Feliciana		17			
William Sharplin	St. Tammany	22			1811		Benjamin Hutchinson	St. Helena	62			1812	
John R. Salesbury	St. Helena	23		March	1816	Cultivated since.	A. Quillin	do		18		1806	
Heirs of John Browders	Feliciana		5		1812		John Barklay	St. Tammany		19		1800	
James Owens	do	24			1812		William Robertson	do	63			1816	
Jesse Bell	do	25			1813		J. Robertson et al.	do	64			1817	
Brazil Bing	do		6		1810		James Pate	do	65			1819	
Justin Andrews	do	26			1809		Thomas Barnes	do	66			1818	
Benjamin Courtney	do	27			1817		B. Garthne	do	67			1818	
Joseph M. Miller	St. Tammany		7		1813		James Powers	E. Baton Rouge	68			1812	
John W. Heath	St. Helena	28			1805		Peter and Thomas Cline	do	69			1800	
E. Dalton	do		8		1810		M. Bronson	Feliciana	70			1817	
B. V. Lisle	do	29			1813	Cultivated ever since.	John Rhodes	do		20		1820	
Thomas Balley	Feliciana	30			1811		B. Collins	do	71			1799	
William Dennis	do	31					John Mayfield	St. Tammany	72			1818	
Zedoch Hawsey	do	32			1816	Partially improved.	John Irwin	do	73			1809	
Charles Ingram	do		9		1812		James Murphy	do	74			1811	
Peter Rulk	do	33			1814		John Dicks	do	75			1809	
Henry Tucker	do	34		October	1813		George Gordon	St. Helena	76			1807	
William Tucker	do	35		January	1813		Dalton & Browder	Feliciana	77			1809	
John Gale	do	36			1812		Same	do		21		1807	
Beverly Dunn	do	37		January	1809		A. Jones	St. Helena		22		1809	
Burrell Hall	do	38			1814		John Spella	do	78			1811	
Elisha Harrell	St. Tammany		9 & 10		1812		M. Wells	Feliciana	79			1817	
D. Singleton	St. Helena	39			1818		A. Hats	do		23		1812	
Jon Detart	Feliciana	40		October	1812		E. Cotrea	St. Tammany	80			1812	
Thomas Waneright	St. Helena	41		February	1820		P. Taylor	do	81			1816	
John Saunders	St. Tammany	42					B. Garthmer	do	82			1819	
Henry Hughs	do	43		March	1819		Heirs of P. Kemp	St. Helena	83			1808	
Same	do	44			1817		D. Kemp		84 & 85			1812	

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Heirs of T. Richardson	St. Tammany	86			1801		W. Leach	St. Helena	110			1812	
A. Toney	do		24		1812		William Folker	Feliciana	111			1817	
John Wood	do	87			1817		William Newman	do	112			1812	
T. Wells	do		25		1818		Samuel Watkins	do		39		1813	
T. Mitchell	do	88			1810		William Brown	St. Tammany	113			1820	
G. Mitchell	do	89 & 90			1812		John Johnston	St. Helena		40		1810	
S. Blackwell	do	91			1812		E. Norwood	Feliciana	114			1817	
W. Johnson	Feliciana	92			1810		A. Hernandez	St. Helena	115			1810	
W. Cooper	St. Tammany		26		1817		R. Hart	do	116			1816	
M. Spiller	St. Helena	93			1812		John Sims	do	117			1810	
W. M. Kenney	Feliciana	94			1815		Stephen Garret	St. Helena	118			1819	
S. Thompson	St. Helena	95			1819		Nathaniel Maples	St. Tammany		41		1815	
S. Sattoo	do		27		1815		Margaret Carpenter	do	119			1816	
R. Kirkland	do	96		16th Nov.	1816		John Tanner	do	120			1810	
George Ellis	St. Tammany	97			1810		John Sluhra	do	121			1820	
Issaac Roberts	do	98			1817		A. Wright	do	122			1817	
James Miller	do		28		1812		Ebenezer Ford	do	123			1817	
E. Clark	do		29		1818		Same	do		42		1810	
J. Miller	do		30		1818		W. Morris	do	124			1818	
W. C. Warner	do	99			1819		E. Cooley	do	125			1817	
G. Smith	do		31		1812		John Harvey	do	126			1818	
R. Parker	do		32		1813		A. Bookter	St. Helena		43		1814	
Samuel Barber	do	100			1819		Same	do		44		1807	
William Barber	do	101			1820		Same	do		45		1803	
William Donaho	do		33		1816		Same	do		46		1808	
W. Higginborough	Feliciana	102			1815		Same	do		47		1808	
John Austin	do	103			1820		Same	do		48		1808	
E. Trise	do	104			1819		Same	do		49		1808	
Gerge Keller	do	105			1811		Same	do		50		1810	
D. Wright	St. Tammany		34		1812		Robert Mackay	St. Tammany	127			1819	
D. Wright	do		35		1812		Thomas Robertson	do	128			1817	
T. Canin	do	106			1803		John C. White	Feliciana	129			1812	
Andrew Hughes	Feliciana	107			1803		H. Jones	St. Tammany		51		1814	
Same	do	108			1803		William Sullivan	St. Helena	130			1812	
Heirs of Samuel Jones	do	109			1804		Lucretia Burnett	St. Tammany	131			1818	
John Branton	do		36		1805		Rice Wells	do	132			1817	
B. M. Waters	do		37		1819		F. Pitts	Feliciana	133			1812	
A. Webb	do		38		1817								

Hon. JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of General Land Office.

LAND OFFICE AT ST. HELENA, 18th November, 1820.

CHARLES S. COSBY,
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

LAND OFFICE,

St. Helena, 18th November, 1820.

SIR: We have the honor herewith to enclose you a final list of all the settlement claims entered in this land office, since our last report of a similar nature. In that report we respectfully submitted our opinions relatively to the extension of pre-emptional claims, down to the 3d of March, 1819. We again beg leave to repeat our conviction that such a provision would essentially aid the population and prosperity of this section of Louisiana. A major part of the claimants who have settled subsequently to 1814, are poor, and consequently would be unable to maintain a competition with a rich bidder. Although the lands on which they have made their improvements are generally poor, still those very improvements on which they have expended their time and labor will, in many cases, be sufficient to excite the cupidity of their wealthy neighbors. They cannot require the recognition of their claims of right, but we hope that, where they are only opposed by the United States' title, that title will be relinquished for the present established prices. Such a provision, we believe, will give general satisfaction, and interfere but very partially with the revenue of the government. Such are our opinions on this subject, in which we are joined by a large majority of the inhabitants of our district. In relation to settlements made anteriorly to the 15th April, 1813, we conceive it unnecessary to make any remarks. Under the present law they are, when fairly made, entitled to donations. Whether the entries which they have made contain a fair representation of their several claims, is a fact which can only be ascertained by a future investigation. We have found it necessary to note all applications for entries, and to report them accordingly. We trust that no difficulty can grow out of this course, inasmuch as the person who applies for a certificate, under any future law which may be passed, will, of course, be required to shew, by sufficient testimony, that he is entitled to it. To designate absolutely, at this time, every claim which was settled before the 15th of April, 1813, would be paving the way for the commission of many errors. When the temptation is great, it is frequently dangerous to trust a man's own evidence, or even the evidence of his witnesses. Poverty and the seductions of interest are powerful instigators to the commission of perjury. We have experienced the truth of this proposition in exercising the power which the law gives us of issuing certificates to settlers. This class of claimants exhibited their claims to the former commissioner, (acting under the law of 25th April, 1812) under the obligation of an oath. In issuing certificates on such entries, we also required the best testimony that could be procured; notwithstanding all the care we could possibly exercise, we have been frequently subject to the grossest impositions. For this reason we have thought it prudent to

report the late entries provisionally. Any law confirming positively designated entries would, most probably, require frequent revision and alterations. To most of the settlers reported by our predecessor, (James O. Cosby) certificates have issued; they have been numbered and registered agreeably to the ——— requisitions of the law and the forms which we had the honor to receive from you at the time that we commenced our duties. For the first five or six months after the opening of our office, the daily multitude of applications which were made required our undivided and unremitting attention. We frequently had twenty and thirty persons waiting at the same time. Under this continued press of business, it was impossible to make the monthly returns required by the law. So soon as it was practicable, a list of the certificates issued was made out, and accompanied our first report of settlement claims. Of the fate of that report, as well as of the last, containing the abstract, or analysis, of claims entered with us, said to be derived from the French, British, or Spanish authorities, and, also, of such claims as had been renewed, we were entirely ignorant until we ascertained, from the National Intelligencer, that these reports had been forwarded by you to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. We presume that this circumstance is to be attributed to the many failures of the mail. After the expiration of the time mentioned, every day presented some remonstrance or protest against particular certificates which had been granted. Aware that the government of the United States wished to make an equal and impartial distribution of the lands which had been thus liberally and voluntarily given away, we thought it proper to notify the persons against whom such complaints were lodged, to come forward and establish their pretensions by sufficient testimony, or consider their certificates as null and void. In doing this, we considered ourselves pursuing strictly the spirit of the law, in attempting to render that justice which it contemplated. Hence, this necessity of frequently revising our acts rendered it impossible to make monthly returns without committing innumerable blunders, which would have required continual communications to you requesting their correction. Unwilling to assume power on the one hand, and anxious, on the other, to accomplish, as far as possible, the ends of our appointment, we deemed it prudent to issue certificates, even on doubtful grounds, but to direct the surveyors not to survey any settlement claims, even if the applicants had certificates, without previously obtaining from our office a catalogue of such certificates as we considered, after giving time for scrutiny, unquestionably valid. This course, we believe, would give time to all parties interested to enter their opposition, and also leave in our hands a controlling check upon the designing and dishonest. Were the surveyors, in every instance, to take our certificates immediately after they issued, as full proof of title, many errors would be committed, and the foundation laid for much future trouble and perplexity. The monthly returns, requiring a strict correspondence with the register, can only be made

accurately when time and examination has tested the correctness of each individual certificate. We trust, sir, this course will meet your approbation. It was adopted under the belief that it would add many facilities to the final and satisfactory adjustment of land claims in this important section of the Union. The law of the 3d of March, 1819, establishes our offices, permanently and unconditionally, at St. Helena court-house. This provision was, doubtless, predicated on the belief that that place would meet the general convenience of the district. Such was then the fact, but it no longer exists. By a reference to the report of the former commissioner, (James O. Cosby) it will be seen that a very large proportion of the claims emanating from titles, either British or Spanish, complete or incomplete, are situated in the parishes of Feliciana and East Baton Rouge. The most of the settlement claims lie in St. Helena and St. Tammany. For the last, certificates have generally issued; for the former, but a few. In relation to entries made under the late law, nothing can be done until the decision of Congress shall be known. From the Mississippi river, the western boundary of the first named parishes (Feliciana and East Baton Rouge) to St. Helena court-house, is a distance of from fifty to eighty miles. Believing that an office in the town of East Baton Rouge would be a general accommodation to all persons who are now interested in it, and complying with the general expression of their wishes, we have thought it advisable, provisionally, to establish the office there. Four fifths of the claimants, now concerned, live within thirty miles of Baton Rouge. We trust, sir, the reasons assigned are sufficient to justify the step we have taken. There are others of a local nature which have given us much perplexity. As many of the claimants speak the French language only, and most of the original written evidences of claim are in the Spanish, a translator in whose capacity and fidelity the utmost confidence may be placed is indispensably necessary. The gentleman whom we employed (Francis Hérault) possesses those qualifications in an eminent degree. He is liberally educated, has resided long in this country, and is extensively acquainted with the laws, usages, and customs, of the Spanish government. Possessing such recommendations, and standing high in the estimation of the district generally, he rendered us, in the discharge of our duties, essential and valuable services. He has left us, and to procure such another would certainly be extremely difficult, if not impossible. He resigned because he could not be reconciled to what he conceived were the many impositions practiced on him by the person with whom he boarded. The village (St. Helena court-house) is situated in a very poor country, and the accommodations afforded by it very indifferent. The owner of the only public house where it is practicable to live, is a man whose habits are very irreconcilable with the enjoyment of quiet or comfort. In his sphere he may be a very useful man, but he is not qualified to entertain boarders who are unwilling to participate in the noise and revelry of a boisterous landlord, continually sur-

rounded by a company of drunkards and blackguards. Educated in the course of life which he pursues, he is not sensible, perhaps, that his conduct is objectionable, and therefore may be excused; but this is no diminution of the relative evil. Our local objections to a permanent residence at St. Helena court-house may possibly seem trivial, but we really have experienced them to be of the most unpleasant and harassing nature. A wish to escape the imputation of rashness induces us to be thus minutely particular. In Baton Rouge we can obtain again the services of Mr. Herault, as a clerk. Without a clerk, agreeably to the forms and instructions which we had the honor to receive from you, no certificate can issue, his attestation being necessary. The population of our district (Feliciana and Baton Rouge excepted) is dispersed over a considerable extent of country. From ten to twenty miles frequently intervene between the settlements in the same parish. A large proportion of the settlers, whose claims have been reported by us, are poor, and find it both difficult and expensive to travel any distance, even on imperative business. We would, therefore, with deference, suggest that the law which Congress may pass for the adjustment of the last entries, as well as for the final conclusion of such as have been acted on, should authorize the Register and Receiver to hold their respective offices in each parish successively. Such a provision would certainly accelerate the termination of the business, and would be a general accommodation to the people concerned, as each parish would require a continuance in it proportioned to the business to be done; that continuance would have to be regulated by the Register and Receiver. The exercise of this discretionary power would, of course, be restrained and governed by the time which the law may allow for the entire completion of the business. When the sales of land take place, a permanent office in St. Helena would be ineligible, because dangerous, neither the village nor parish affording any safe depository for the moneys which may be received. As commissioners, as well as citizens, of this district, we feel it our duty to impart any information which may, even collaterally, assist in effecting (what is so desirable) the conclusive and satisfactory arrangement of its land claims. For this reason we respectfully submit the following remarks relatively to the situation, soil, and character, of the different parishes constituting our district.

Feliciana is bounded on the west by the Mississippi river; on the south by a line running due east and west, commencing on the Mississippi, and intersecting the Amite river, its eastern boundary, at right angles. This line separates it from the parish of East Baton Rouge, its southern boundary. For its northern boundary, it has the line of demarkation dividing it from the state of Mississippi. The lands in this parish are generally fertile, affording, in every respect, the most flattering encouragement to agricultural and commercial pursuits. The western boundary (the Mississippi) supplies a speedy and safe transportation for its produce to New Orleans. The prin-

cipal staple commodity is cotton. The soil is also excellently adapted to the production of corn, esculent roots, and generally to vegetables of every description. This parish, with the exception of a few sterile spots, is thickly settled; the inhabitants are generally farmers, and many of them wealthy. They are almost entirely Americans. In their respective pursuits they are persevering and industrious; hospitable, and generally well affected towards the general government. The first settlers were mostly adventurers for fortune's favors, poor and illiterate; of course, the accumulation of wealth alone arrested their attention, and gave energy to their efforts. Having proved successful in acquiring a competency, they now evince a laudable anxiety to give their children an education, the serious want of which they have so often and painfully experienced. The present rising generation, having their views enlarged by education, connected with each other by a variety of ties and relations, amalgamating their interest and policy, will, in a few years, form an excellent state of society.

East Baton Rouge is situated on the Mississippi river, (western boundary;) bounded by the parish of Feliciana on the north; east by the river Amite; and on the south by the river Iberville, which opens a communication with lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain. Between the soil of this parish and that of Feliciana there is but a partial difference; their productions are nearly the same, except, perhaps, the sugar cane, which is supposed to succeed better in the former than the latter. The lands, though extremely rich, require the aid of ditches before they can be rendered completely susceptible of cultivation. When this object is accomplished, their fertility is almost inexhaustible. The population of this parish bears no proportion to the many inducements which it offers to the industrious and enterprising. This fact, we presume, is materially attributable to the large grants of land which were made by the Spanish government from (as we suppose) sinister views, during the years 1804, 5, 6 and 7. Few persons were willing to adventure their time and labor on a plantation from which they knew not at what moment they might be evicted. Their entire want of confidence, also, in the honor or integrity of the Spanish government, induced them to remove as far as possible from its capital (East Baton Rouge.) Hence, this parish, with the exception of the margin of the Mississippi river, is but thinly settled. The population is of a mixed character, Americans, French, and Spaniards: the Americans have a majority. The French and Spaniards reside principally in the town of Baton Rouge and its immediate vicinity. They are an inoffensive people, principally engaged in agricultural pursuits, and disposed to contribute their share to the support of a government which protects them. Though they may not boast of all the refinements of cultivated society, they are equally removed from that *barbarism* of which they have been accused. Their posterity will, no doubt, coalesce with the Americans, and in a few years the line of division, which now gives them a specific distinction, will

be forgotten. Hospitality to strangers, and kindness towards each other, are their prominent characteristics. The American inhabitants are generally poor, and such as claim their lands by virtue of settlements. They are a hardy, honest, adventurous race of men, warmly devoted to their farms, submitting with cheerfulness and alacrity to all the requisitions of the law, and ready, at all times, to prove themselves *Americans*. The state of society has been indifferent, but is now improving. Societies, composed of emigrants and foreigners from different quarters of the world, require a considerable length of time to produce a complete coalition. The materials are too incongruous to harmonize at once. The town of Baton Rouge is a flourishing village, and the seat of justice for the parish. A large proportion of its occupants are engaged in the mercantile business. It is usually considered the most healthy site on the Mississippi river.

St. Helena lies between the rivers Amite and Tangipahou, (western and eastern boundaries) having for its northern boundary the line of demarkation, and its southern lake Maurepas. Travelling from the Mississippi river eastwardly, upon entering this parish, the country assumes a new and widely different appearance. In the parishes already described, the face of the country is occasionally broken, and the growth principally cypress, magnolia, different species of oak, ash, walnut, hickory, holly, sassafras, and poplar. In the latter parish the lands are uniformly level, and the soil, generally speaking, of very inferior quality. The only lands which are now cultivated lie on the margin of the different water courses bounding and running through the parish. The growth is almost entirely pine. The time may possibly arrive when these lands will sell. At present they are mostly unclaimed, and we presume will continue so for many years: nothing but a monopoly of the rich territories of the United States can render them saleable. Stock, tar, and pitch, are the only commodities which can be expected from pine woods. There are, probably, on the lake some eligible places, commanding an extensive range, and affording an easy communication with Orleans, which will be purchased. We speak of the lands generally. This parish is almost entirely inhabited by Americans; they are poor, but constitute a very valuable class of citizens.

St. Tammany is bounded on the east by Pearl river; on the west by Tangipato; north by the line of demarkation, and south by the lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain. The remarks made relatively to St. Helena, both as to the soil and inhabitants, are equally applicable to this parish. The only cultivable lands are situated on the different streams by which it is watered. The only principal streams are its eastern and western boundaries, and the rivers Bogue, Chitto, and Tchefonti. The latter is navigable fifteen or twenty miles from its confluence with lake Pontchartrain. The others, it is presumable, might be rendered so for small craft, if proper exertions were made for that purpose. The lands lying on the margin of lake Pontchartrain, embracing Tchefonti as far as it is navigable, are generally cover-

ed by English and Spanish grants, which have received the confirmation of the United States. The settlement claims are to be found wherever there are tillable lands. The section of the country which we have thus attempted to describe, is, probably, as healthy as any part of Louisiana, or of the western country. The climate is equable, and the atmosphere generally clear. Its humidity (occasioned, probably, by extensive swamps on the Mississippi) is not sufficiently great to generate disease, except immediately on that river. After passing the Amite river, the boundary between the river and interior parishes, the inhabitants are scarcely acquainted with disease, except occasional intermittents of the mildest character. We trust that these remarks will not be deemed inapplicable, when it is recollected that they may tend, in some degree, to elucidate the history of a part of Louisiana, which we do conceive to be of great importance, not only to the state of which it is an integral part, but also to the general government. It is here only that we can rationally expect, for many years, to find a pure and united American population. Agricultural pursuits are certainly better calculated to form a bold and virtuous yeomanry, than the speculations of the merchant, or the avocations of the learned. Agriculture here must necessarily be, for a long time, the almost exclusive object of interest and energy. It is of essential concern to Louisiana that there should be, in some part of her interior, a force sufficient to protect her from a domestic foe, whose numbers and force are daily accumulating. The general government is also interested in Louisiana as an outward sentinel of the Union in times of invasion and danger from a foreign or domestic foe. Much has depended, and may depend again. To be prepared for such an event is certainly the dictates of wisdom and sound policy. Towards the accomplishment of these important objects, a compact and numerous population in Florida will, we believe, materially contribute. It will aid the arm of its own government, and give to her a genuine American character, devoted to the constitution, and well prepared to defend it. Influenced by these considerations, we have made this digression, and will conclude it by respectfully, but earnestly, recommending the government to pursue such a course as will speedily terminate all uncertainty about land titles, and encourage emigration to this country, so long harassed by doubt and inquietude. The daily acquisition of territory making by the United States, renders such a course an object of peculiar interest to the people of our district. Emigration to our country has already been checked by its reputation for uncertainty in its land titles. The only antidote to this evil is the extinction of that uncertainty. Great uneasiness has been excited among the settlers, in consequence of the confiction of their claims. It was a prevalent custom with them, when about to occupy unappropriated lands, to agree with the adjoining settlers upon what they called conditional lines. By these lines they were governed in the improvements which they made. Where the lands are tolerably fertile, the settle-

ments are so thickly made that it will be impossible for each claimant to obtain the number of acres conceded him by the government, without comprehending in his survey his neighbor's farm. There are frequently as many as three settlers (all having certificates) on the same section. In some instances the oldest settler identified the place where a subsequent one might fix himself; in others the settlement was made violently. In laying off the land into sections it frequently happens that the sectional line runs through a man's farm, and sometimes through his house. This difficulty confines itself exclusively to such settlers as have received donations. The surveys of pre-emptional claims will, of course, be governed by such as have been confirmed. We will conclude by expressing our belief that the late liberal and judicious act of Congress, altering and regulating the prices of public lands, will prove equally beneficial to the revenue of the United States, and to the interest of the purchasers.

We have the honor to be, sir, with considerations of esteem,

Respectfully, your obedient servants.

CHARLES S. COSBY.
FULWAR SKIPWITH.

The Honorable JOSIAH MEIGS,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

May 11, 1820.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, a copy of the report of the Land Commissioners at St. Helena, and a copy of their list of actual settlers, dated 24th December, 1819, and 17th March, 1820.

I am, respectfully, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSIAH MEIGS.

The Hon. the PRESIDENT of the Senate.

LAND OFFICE *St. Helena, March 17, 1820.*

SIR: We have the honor, herewith, to forward you an abstract or analysis of such titles, complete and incomplete, as have been exhibited to us since the opening of our offices. In making this analysis, we have adopted the form used by the former commissioner, (J. O. Cosby.) We believe it embraces all the essentials requisite to enable Congress, in their investigations, to discover at one view the character and description of each individual claim.

In relation to imperfect titles, dated posteriorly to the 20th of December, 1803, and reported by us for confirmation, we have been governed entirely by an affirmative answer to this inquiry: Would the claimant under the law of the 3d of March, 1819, be entitled to a section of land in virtue of his settlement? We do not recognize any right in the government of Spain to dispose of the lands of a territory of which she held tortious and illegal possession, but we consider that the fair and bona fide inhabitation and cultivation of a tract of land under her auspices ought in justice and equity to entitle the party claiming to a recognition of his title by the government of the United States.

Register A No. 2, embraces Spanish titles consummated by the legitimate authorities anterior to 1803, and a few British patents confirmed by the government of Spain. In relation to those claims, we conceive it unnecessary to make any remarks. They are certainly entitled to an unqualified confirmation.

Register B No. 2, embraces orders of survey, plats, and certificates, &c. Such as emanated from the Spanish government, prior to 1803, we consider as of right entitled to perfection by the government of the United States, and as to those which are dated subsequently to that time, we have already stated our reasons why we think them entitled to the liberality of our government.

In every case where we have reported favorably in consequence of the inhabitation and cultivation, we have required and received, in establishment of those material facts, satisfactory testimony.

Register E comprehends such claims as were reported for rejection by the former commissioner, and have been renewed by the parties interested. By reference to that report, (the present register designates the No.) it will be discovered that generally no inhabitation or cultivation was mentioned. It was a prevalent opinion with such as claimed under complete titles, that their patents required no collateral support, and hence it is that they were wholly indifferent as to proofs of occupancy. They have now discovered their mistake, and again exhibit their claims, accompanied by those proofs; our opinion in relation to titles dated subsequently to the 20th of December, 1803, we presume is applicable here. We beg leave respectfully to state, that, in our estimation, the claims contained in register E ought to be confirmed under the provisions and limitations of the law of 3d of March, 1819.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

With considerations of high esteem,

Most respectfully, yours, &c.

CHARLES S. COSBY, *Reg.*

FULWAR SKIPWITH, *Rec.*

Hon. JOSIAH MEIGS,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

B. No. 2.

REGISTER of claims to Land in the District west of Pearl river in Louisiana, founded on orders of survey, (requettes,) permission to settle, or other written evidence of claims, derived from either the French, British, or Spanish authorities, which, in the opinion of the register and receiver, ought to be confirmed.

NUMBER.	BY WHOM CLAIMED.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM, AND FROM WHAT AUTHORITY DERIVED.	DATE OF CLAIM.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.	
								WHEN	BY WHOM.	FROM	TO
1	J. D. Ferris	Paul Labataux	Order of survey	August 22, 1795	140	St. Tammany	Carondelet	December 20, 1792	W. Dunbar	1795	1820
2	James Scott	A. McCullogh	Plat and certificate	December 20, 1792	400	E. B. Rouge		do do	W. Dunbar		
3	Same	John Frazer	do		240	do		August 29, 1792	Same		
4	Fulton, et al.	J. J. Fouzers	Order of survey	September 20, 1790	480	do	E. Miro	December 20, 1792	Same		
5	Heirs of N. Carter	N. Carter	do	May 8, 1797	500	Feliciana	Carondelet				
6	Heirs of Juan Peratta	Juan Peratta	do	December 27, 1798	500	E. B. Rouge	De Lemos				
7	Silas Cook	J. Freeland	Plat and certificate		320	Feliciana		October 21, 1803	V. S. Pintado	1802	1820
8	Joseph Laurent	M. Fromentin	Order of survey	July 23, 1787	1,600	St. Tammany	E. Miro				
9	Same	J. B. Campbell	do	February 25, 1785	120	do	do				
10	Same	C. de la Chaise	do	August 26, 1785	800	do	do				
11	James Adams	Richard Ellis	do	January 16, 1790	400	E. B. Rouge	do	October 10, 1790	C. Trudeau		
12	D. Jung	Dominick Jung	do	November 8, 1786	389½	St. Tammany	do	December 18, 1786	do		
13	Catharine Lintot	Catharine Lintot	do	September 22, 1797	1,240	Feliciana	De Lemos	September 22, 1797	do		
14	Isaac Brownin	John Brownin	Plat and certificate		490	do		December 31, 1806	V. Pintado	1800	1811
15	William Cryer	William Cryer	Order of survey	September 18, 1806	800	St. Helena	Grandpré			1800	1820
16	J. D. Atkins	Adam Say	Public sale	July 26, 1802	480	Feliciana				1802	1820
17	John Maulden	John Say	Order of survey	May 24, 1806	416	do	do	December 4, 1806	J. C. Kneeland	1806	1820
18	Nicholas Courtois	Pedro Le Blanc	Plat and certificate		3 arp. 88 per. 108 feet	E. B. Rouge		December 10, 1805	do	1805	1820
19	Juan Rodrique	G. Grandpré	do		3 arp. 19 per. 69 feet			July 19, 1805	do	1805	1820
20	Stephen Grandpré	Stephen Grandpré	do		do do			September 30, 1806	do	1806	1820
21	Garig and Webb	Parish and Webb	Public sale	May 2, 1812	754½	E. B. Rouge				1809	1820
22	John Laniers	B. Laniers	Order of survey	October 10, 1806	500	St. Helena	Grandpré			1806	1820
23	George Brown	George Brown	Petition	October 5, 1789	400	E. B. Rouge				1799	1820
24	Heirs of M. M'Comb	M. M'Condle	Order of survey	October 16, 1806	640	do	Grandpré			1807	1817
25	Aug. Dufau	Simon Daigre	Public sale		240	do				1799	1820
26	Manuel Lopez	St. Maxent	Plat and certificate	April 20, 1806	3 arp. 19 per. 69 feet	do		April 21, 1806	R. Dupier	1806	1820
27	Margaret Kelly	Margaret Kelly	Certificate of vac'y.	October 4, 1804	300	Feliciana	Grandpré			1806	1820
28	George Rowe	William Barker	Order of survey	August 26, 1806	600	do	do	December 3, 1805	C. Bolling	1805	1820

LAND OFFICE ST. HELENA,
March 17, 1820.

CHARLES S. COSBY, Register.
FULWAR SKIPWITH, Receiver.

A. No. 2.

REGISTER of claims to Land in the District west of Pearl River, in Louisiana, founded on complete grants, derived from either the French, British, or Spanish governments, which, in the opinion of the undersigned Register and Receiver, are valid, agreeably to the laws, usages, and customs, of such governments.

No.	BY WHOM CLAIMED.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM AND FROM WHAT AUTHORITY DERIVED.	DATE OF CLAIM.		QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED.		CULTIVATION AND INHABITATION.		
				Month.	Year.				When.	By whom.	From.	To.	
1	I. D. Ferris -	Paul Labataux -	B. patent -	19th November,	1779	200 A's	St. Tammany -	Peter Chester -	7th November,	1777	Elias Dernford -	1777	1820
2	Eva. Skipwith -	Francis Pousset -	do -	20th November,	1776	1,200 -	E. B. Rouge -	Same -	20th November,	1776	James Elliot -		
3	Sarah B. Evans -	Carlota Trudeau -	S. patent -	20th April,	1791	1,000 -	Feliciana -	E. Miro -	4th January,	1791	C. Trudeau -		
4	Samuel Clark -	Z. Smith -	do -	11th February,	1799	500 -	do -	G. de Lemos -	6th November,	1798	V. S. Pintado -	1807	1820
5	William Webb -	I. Le Blanc -	do -	20th November,	1789	480 -	E. B. Rouge -	E. Miro -	15th October,	1789	C. Trudeau -		
6	Robert Sprigg -	Widow O'Brien -	do -	18th July,	1785	600 -	do -	do -	18th October,	1785	do -		
7	Same -	Charles Campbell -	do -	30th May,	1787	320 -	do -	do -	13th December,	1785	do -		
8	Evelina Skipwith -	Francis Pousset -	do -	22d November,	1785	{ 13 arpens 10 * 40 arpens	do -	do -	17th October,	1785	do -		
9	James Lowdon -	James Lowdon -	do -	13th October,	1797	740 -	Feliciana -	G. de Lemos -	3d October,	1799	do -		
10	Same -	P. L. Alston -	do -	10th July,	1787	600 -	do -	E. Miro -	21st March,	1787	W. Dunbar -		
11	Heirs of P. Tygart -	Thomas Wahan -	do -	13th October,	1797	700 -	do -	G. de Lemos -	3d October,	1799	C. Trudeau -		
12	Thomas and S. Smith -	V. Balsinger -	do -	30th May,	1787	400 -	E. B. Rouge -	E. Miro -	24th April,	1787	do -		
14	Heirs of C. Favre -	I. C. Favre -	B. patent -	10th April,	1771	1,200 -	St. Tamany -	E. Dernford -	10th April,	1775	E. Dernford -		
14	Samuel Adams -	W. Knowland -	S. patent -	15th March,	1804	291 $\frac{3}{5}$ -	Feliciana -	I. Morales -	10th December,	1803	V. Pintado -	1803	1820
15	Samuel M. Caleb -	William Bolling -	do -	3d August,	1797	600 -	do -	Carondelet -	4th August,	1797	C. Trudeau -		
16	John Voison -	William Auftings -	do -	26th April,	1804	400 -	St. Tamany -	Morales -	14th May,	1799	do -		
17	Heirs of I. Baam -	John Baam -	do -	7th September,	1808	1,000 -	do -	do -	21st May,	1804	do -	1798	1820

* Illegible in the original report.

LAND OFFICE ST. HELENA, March 17, 1820,

CHARLES S. COSBY, Register.
FULWAR SKIPWITH, Receiver.

E.

REGISTER of renewed claims to Land in the district west of Pearl river, in Louisiana, founded on complete and incomplete titles, derived either from the British or Spanish governments, which, in the opinion of the undersigned Register and Receiver, ought to be confirmed by the government of the United States.

NO.	REFERENCE TO COMMISSIONERS REPORT.	BY WHOM CLAIMED.	ORIGINAL CLAIMANT.	NATURE OF CLAIM, AND FROM WHAT AUTHORITY DERIVED.	DATE OF CLAIM.	QUANTITY CLAIMED.	WHERE SITUATED.	BY WHOM ISSUED.	SURVEYED.		INHABITATION AND CULTIVATION.	
									WHEN.	BY WHOM.	FROM.	TO.
1	Register C. No. 21	Francis Herault -	Francis Herault -	Spanish Patent -	1806, October 3	2,000 arpens	E. Baton Rouge	Morales	1806, June 8	R. Dupin -	1807	1813
2	" 8	William Vardeman -	William Vardeman -	do -	1810, May 22	1,200 -	St. Tammany	do	October 13	I. C. Kneeland -	1808	1820
3	" 2	William Corner -	William Corner -	do -	1803, December 12	400 -	E. Baton Rouge	do	1803, June 18	V. Pintado -	1798	1820
4	" 46	Alexander Bookter -	Alexander Bookter -	do -	1804, February 7	1,000 -	St. Helena	do	November 12	do -	1799	1820
5	" 52	William Kerkland -	J. Wattman -	do -	July 3	500 -	Feliciana	do	1804, July 9	do -	1799	1816
6	" 33	Anto. Grass -	Anto. Grass -	do -	January 20	3,000 -	E. Baton Rouge	do	November 24	do -	1811	1820
7	" 44	E. de Casas -	I. Rufenaco -	do -	1807, April 1	14 ap. 18 p. 15 ps.	do do	do	1807, July 21	R. Dupin -	1807	1818
8	Register D. 56	Hora Carney -	A. Richardson -	Plats and certificate	- - -	201½ -	Feliciana	- -	February 2	V. S. Pintado -	1809	1820

LAND OFFICE ST. HELENA, 17th March, 1820.

CHARLES S. COSBY, *Register.*
FULWAR SKIPWITH, *Receiver.*

Land Office St. Helena, 24th Dec. 1819.

SIR: Enclosed we have the honor to transmit you a list of the settlers who have entered their claims since the 23d August, 1819, the time when the Register's Office was opened. By reference to the list, it will appear that many claims have been entered originating from settlements made in 1818, or 19.

We have received entries of settlements made since the 20th April, 1814. Because, in the first place, we thought it probable that pre-emptional rights would be extended to the time of the passage of the law, (3d March, 1819,) and we know no reason why such extension of the time should not be granted. And, in the second place, we did not feel ourselves authorized to reject any applications which were made for the entries of claims. From our acquaintance with this our district, we do believe that rights of preference extended to the 3d of March, 1819, under the provisions of the law of that time, would be essentially serviceable to its population, and would completely meet the views of Congress, which governed them at the passage of that law—as to persons who settled anterior to the 15th April, 1813, or prior to the time to which pre-emptional claims extended.

We do not conceive it necessary to make any remarks as to claims posterior to that date. We have respectfully expressed our opinions.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

With considerations of esteem,

Most respectfully yours,

CHARLES S. COSBY, *Register.*

FULWAR SKIPWITH, *Receiver.*

JOSIAH MEIGS,

Commissioner General Land Office.

N. B. Accompanying, you have a list of the certificates issued for complete and incomplete titles for settlement claims.

CHARLES S. COSBY, *Register.*

A LIST containing the number of actual settlers in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the river Mississippi and Island of New Orleans, and west of Pearl River.

NAMES OF PERSONS.	Number of Claims.	Date of month.	Settlement year.	No. of claims by purchase.	No. of claims in Feliciana.	No. of claims in East Baton Rouge.	No. of claims in St. Helena.	No. of claims in St. Tammany.	GENERAL REMARKS.
James McDaniel	1	-	1808	-	-	-	-	1	
Asa L. Cook	1	1st January	1819	-	1	-	-	-	
William Chapman	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Joseph Blanchard	1	27th Nov.	1808	-	-	-	1	-	
Juan L. Piloc	1	12th Jan.	1808	-	-	-	1	-	
Jonathan Cannington	1	-	1798	1	1	-	-	-	
Abner Womack	1	-	1812	1	-	-	1	-	Never inhab. or cult.
Rice Mills	1	-	1811	-	-	-	1	-	do. do. do.
Asa L. Cook	1	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	
George M. Gill	1	October	1818	-	-	1	-	-	
John Eary	1	-	1807	1	-	-	1	-	
Joel Pearson	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	
Martin Watkins	1	-	1813	-	-	-	-	1	Cult. during 1813.
Isaac House	1	-	1813	-	-	-	-	1	
William White	1	November	1810	1	-	-	-	-	
John Chapman, sen'r	1	-	1810	-	-	-	-	1	
John Chapman, jr.	1	-	1810	-	-	-	-	1	

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NAMES OF PERSONS.	Number of claims.	Date of month.	Settlement year.	No. of claims by purchase.	No. of claims in Feliciana.	No. of claims in East Baton Rouge.	No. of claims in St. Helena.	No. of claims in St. Tammany.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Ezra Estis	1	-	1812	1	-	-	-	1	Cult. from 1812 to '14. Improved only.
John Taylor	1	-	1814	-	1	-	-	-	
Abiel Roberts	1	-	1813	-	-	-	-	1	
Jesse Swiney	1	-	1811	-	1	-	-	-	Improved only.
Isaac Newsom	1	-	1804	1	-	1	-	-	
James Hughes	1	-	1814-13	1	-	-	-	1	
James Ashford	1	-	1805	1	-	1	-	-	
William Cooper	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	
R. Tenchez	1	-	1807	-	-	-	-	1	
Jacob Ott	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	
James Hughes	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	
Shadrack Rogers	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
John Phillips	1	-	1807	-	-	-	1	-	
John Glascock	1	-	1791	-	-	-	1	-	
Hugh Montgomery	1	-	1814	-	-	-	1	-	
William D. Smith	1	-	1812	1	-	-	-	1	Cultivated only. Driven off by Indians.
William Redden	1	-	1815	-	-	-	1	-	
James Lee	1	-	1799	-	-	-	-	1	

Henry Cohear	1	October	1814	-	-	-	-	1
John Brewer	1	October	1812	1	-	-	1	
Richard Albreaton	1	-	1817	-	-	-	1	
David Kemp	1	-	1800	1	-	-	1	
John Youngblood	1	-	1816	1	-	-	1	
Jonathan Taylor	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
Mary McMuller	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
David Short	1	-	1819	-	-	-	1	
Jeremiah Day	1	-	1803	-	1	-	-	-
Absalom Williams	1	-	1801	-	-	-	1	
King and Klempeter	1	-	1796	-	-	1	-	
John Joiner	1	-	1803	-	-	-	-	1
William Furlow	1	15th April	1804	-	1	-	-	
James Muply	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
Parsons Cewber	1	-	1804	-	1	-	-	
John ———	1	-	1817	-	-	-	1	
Burrel M. Clendon	1	-	1810	-	1	-	-	
Henry Cassels	1	15th Sept.	1813	1	-	-	1	
Heirs Tho. M. Knight	1	October	1816	-	-	-	1	
Peter Dismuke	1	-	1811	-	-	-	1	
Ebenezer Fra	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
William Fulsom	1	-	1819	-	1	-	-	
James Burrell	1	-	1810	-	-	-	-	1
James H. Harvey	1	-	1810	-	-	-	1	
Nicholas Highland	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
Robert Nelson	1	September	1813	-	1	-	-	
Lewis Tolberd	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Francis O. Rily	1	-	1811	1	-	1	-	
Billington Taylor	1	-	1809	-	1	-	-	

Occupied as a camp five months.
Lived on from 1796 to 1810.

Partially cultivated.

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NAMES OF PERSONS	Number of Claims.	Date of Month.	Settlement Year.	Number of Claims by Purchase.	Number of Claims in Feliciana.	Number of Claims in East Baton Rouge.	Number of Claims in St. Helena.	Number of Claims in St. Tammany.	GENERAL REMARKS.
George Richardson	1	.	1815	-	1				
John Seaz	1	.	1812	-		1			
Rachael Russ	1	.	1807	-		1			
Elias Russ & A. Russ	1	.	1807	-		1			
William Mehaffy	1	.	1815	1			1		
Jesse Parker	1	.	1810	-			1		
Ransom M. Collin	1	.	1809	-	1				
Heirs of Thos. Kemp	1	.	1804	1			1		
Henry Dunn	1	.	1812	1	1				
William P. Bow	1	.	1810	-			1		
Robert Edwards	1	.	1812	1			1		
Asa J. White	.	.	1817	-		1			
Rlchard Ogden	.	.	1812	-	1				
Pleasant Glass	.	.	1796	1		1			
Hector Buchan	.	.	1812	1			1		
Susannah Jones	.	.	1812	-			1		
Philemon Thomas	.	.	1813	-		1			
Jesse Kesspy	.	.	1810	1			1		

Cader Raby	-	September	1817	-	1	-	-	-	-
William B. Littleton	-	-	1819	1	-	1	-	-	-
John Skerlock	-	-	1816	-	-	1	-	-	-
John Morejoy	-	-	1815	-	-	1	-	-	-
John Howry	-	-	1810	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ranson Stroud	-	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	-
James Sides	-	-	1810	-	-	1	-	-	-
Michael White	-	-	1817	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ephraim Davidson	-	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jesse Williamson	-	August	1813	-	1	-	-	-	-
Joseph Simms	-	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pharis	-	-	1804	-	1	-	-	-	-
George Redden	-	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	-
David Robertson	-	-	1808	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hugh	-	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	-
Reading Brown	-	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	-
Williamson	-	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	-
John Breed	-	-	1808	-	-	-	-	1	-
Uriah Prewit	-	-	1800	1	-	-	-	1	-
Elisha Roberts	-	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hector Buchanan	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Robert Rancival	-	August	1802	-	-	-	-	1	-
James Rodgers	-	-	1812	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jesse Parker	-	-	1809	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hiram Badford	-	-	1807	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sarah Erwen	-	-	1812	1	-	-	-	1	-
William F. Morris	-	July	1814	-	-	-	-	1	-
George E. Chance	-	-	1816	-	-	1	-	-	-
John McFarland	-	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	-

Cultivated only.

Cult. occasionally.

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NAMES OF PERSONS.	Number of Claims.	Date of Month.	Settlement Year.	Number of Claims by Purchase.	Number of Claims in Feliciana.	Number of Claims in E. Baton Rouge.	No. of Claims in St. Helena.	No. of Claims in St. Tammany.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Henry Eddy	.	.	1812	.	.	.	.	1	
William Allen	.	.	1812	.	.	1	.		
Bayless Corder	.	March	1814	1	.	.	1		
John Walker	.	December	1818	.	.	.	1		
William Phares	.	.	.	1	1	.	.		
Charles Dogen	.	.	1812	.	1	.	.		
Samuel Ott	.	.	1812	1	.	.	.	1	
Webb & Davidson	.	.	1813	.	.	.	.	1	
William Silliman	.	.	1811	1	1	.	.		
Newsom Rainwater	.	March	1813	.	.	.	.	1	
Henry Vick	.	.	1811	.	1	.	.		
John Paxton	.	.	1809	1	1	.	.		
Barksdale Slater	.	.	1812	1	.	.	.	1	
James P. Lee	.	.	1813	.	.	.	.	1	
James Netherlin	.	.	1810	.	1	.	.		
Blancet Sanders	.	.	1811	1	
Absalom Dixon	.	.	1811	.	.	1	.		
Francis Strother	.	.	1804	.	.	.	1		

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James Stewart	-	-	1812	-	-	-	1
Stephen Williams	-	-	1816	1	-	-	1
Levi Doughty	-	-	1805	1	1	-	-
Henry Day	-	-	1810	-	-	-	1
Nathaniel M. Baker	-	-	1808	1	-	1	-
Greenbury Watkins	-	-	1813	-	-	-	1
John M. Clendon	-	-	1813	1	-	-	1
Joseph Durbin	-	-	1807	1	-	-	1
R. W.	-	-	1818	-	1	-	-
David McCulloch	-	-	1809	-	-	1	-
Thomas Carpenter	-	-	1812	-	1	-	-
Isaac Erwin	-	-	1809	1	-	-	1
William Blocker	-	-	1816	-	1	-	-
Drury Bell	-	March	1817	-	1	-	-
John Highpen	-	-	1812	-	-	-	1
Joseph Chisolm	-	-	1808	1	-	1	-
William Long	-	December	1812	1	-	1	-
Heirs Dr. Smith	-	-	1806	1	-	-	1
Heirs Wm. Hickman,	-	-	1815	-	-	1	-
William Smith	-	-	1817	-	-	-	1
Henry Christmas	-	December	1818	-	-	1	-
Henry de Grandpré	-	-	1806	-	-	1 lot	-
Philip de Grandpré	-	-	1806	-	-	1 do.	-
Simeon C. Bankston	-	-	1812	1	-	-	1
John Kinchin	-	-	1818	-	1	-	-
William Finfall	-	-	1816	-	-	-	1
Alexander Lee	-	-	1816	1	-	-	1
David Taylor	-	-	1812	-	-	-	1
Robert Fluker	-	-	1804	1	-	-	1

Never inhabited or cultivated.

Inhabited a few months.

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Richard H. Kirkland	-	-	1805	1	-	-	1	-	
Robert Simmons	-	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1	
John Montgomery	-	-	1805	-	-	-	1	-	
—— McGill	-	-	1818	-	-	1	-	-	
Thomas A. Willis	1	-	1811	-	-	-	-	1	
—— Rogers	1	-	1808	1	1	-	-	-	
Stephen Winter	1	-	1808	-	-	1	-	-	
Benjamin Abbot	1	-	1812	1	1	-	-	-	
James Bryan	1	-	1816	-	-	-	-	1	Cultivated only.
James ——	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
William Hickman	-	-	1814	-	-	-	1	-	
David M. Culler	1	-	1811	1	-	-	-	1	
Joseph L. Mulky	1	-	1810	-	1	-	-	-	Only cultivat. in 1818.
Zedekiah Ledbetter	1	-	1812	1	1	-	-	-	
John Powers	1	-	1813	1	1	-	-	-	Cultivated ever since 1814.
William Cabin	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Samuel Fulton	1	-	1812	1	-	1	-	-	
Bridget Lorano	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	

Isaac Chambers	1	-	1812	-	-	1	-	-
Richard Burch	1	-	1814	1	-	-	-	1
John Tounsand	1	-	1815	-	-	-	-	1
Robert Hickber	1	-	1810	1	-	-	-	1
Jacob Tally	1	-	1810	1	-	-	-	1
B. Singleton	1	-	1815	-	-	-	-	1
John Crawford	1	Dec. 20	1815	-	-	-	-	1
George Crawford	1	July 25	1813	-	-	-	-	1
Hannah Browning	1	July 15	1818	-	-	-	-	1
C. D. Youngblood	1	-	1817	-	-	-	1	-
John Bailly	1	-	1818	-	-	-	1	-
Uriah Smith	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
Johnson Marchbanks	1	-	1811	-	-	-	-	1
James Hornsby	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
Charles Bradley	1	Sept. 15	1815	-	-	-	1	-
John A. Maples	1	-	1816	-	-	-	-	1
John Criswell	1	-	1819	-	-	-	-	1
John Childs	1	-	1819	-	-	-	-	1
Thomas Howel	1	-	1818	-	1	-	-	-
Elijah Clark	1	-	1813	1	-	-	-	1
Jackson Lane	1	-	1813	1	-	1	-	-
Sherard Wright	1	-	1818	-	-	-	-	1
John R. Salisbury	1	-	1803	1	-	-	1	-
Joseph Nobles	1	-	1817	-	-	-	-	1
John S.	1	-	1816	-	-	-	-	1
Benjamin Hornsby	1	-	1819	-	-	-	-	1
James ———	1	-	1816	-	-	1	-	-
A. Ingram	1	-	1818	-	-	1	-	-
John Perry	1	-	1818	-	-	1	-	-

Cultivated only.

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Charles Powers	1	15th Sept.	1814	.	.	.	1		
John W. Blunt	1	.	1814	.	.	1			
Thomas Joiner	1	.	1813	.	.	.	1		
John Packer	1	.	1813	.	.	1			
Thomas Waugh	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
John Christmas	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
Martin Woollet	1	.	1804	1	.	1			
George Redding	1	.	1810	.	1	.			
Juan Siberio	1	.	1804	.	.	.	1		
C. Cooper	1	.	1812	.	.	.	1		
Hugh Chain	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
Elizabeth James	1	.	1814	.	.	1			
William James	1	.	1813	1	.	1			
W. F. Thomas	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
Philemon Thomas	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
E. Ross	1	.	1812	.	.	1			
E. P. Hall	1	.	1810	.	.	1			
Robert Davis	1	.	1803	.	1				

Nathaniel Hortern	1	-	1813	-	-	1		
Antonio Hernades	1	-	1804	-	-	-	1	
Francis Clarider	1	-	1808	1	-	-	-	1
Joseph Clayton	1	-	1809	-	-	-	-	1
Thomas Mayers	1	-	1808	1	-	-	-	1
William Peacok	1	-	1816	1	-	-	-	1
Reuben Burnet	1	-	1813	1	-	-	1	
William Brown	1	-	1810	1	-	-	-	1
Andrew Blunt	1	-	1805	-	-	-	1	
John Ford	1	-	1812	-	-	-	-	1
W. F. Nicholson	1	-	1810	-	1			
James Nicholson	1	-	1810	-	1			
Instant Hall	1	-	1810	-	1			
William Howard	1	-	1812	1	-	1		
Jacob Carpenter	1	-	1811	-	-	1		
Thomas Galloway	1	-	1809	1	-	1		
Silas M·Bee	1	-	1808	1	-	1		
Thomas Young	1	-	1804	1	-	1		
Joseph Scott	1	-	1816	-	-	1		
Casan Scott	1	-	1816	-	1			
Thomas Scott	1	-	1818	-	1			
W. D. Scott	1	-	1819	-	1			
Zachariah Scott	1	-	1819	-	1			
James Scott	1	-	1819	-	1			
Joseph Harvell	1	-	1819	-	1			
Samuel T. Scott	1	-	1819	-	1			
Thomas May	1	-	1808	1	-	-	-	1
F. Claron	1	-	1808	1	-	-	-	1
Robert Pyburn	1	-	1812	-	-	1		

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Thomas Hunt	1	15th Sept.	1805	.	.	.	1		
Peter Atkinson	1	"	1814	.	1	.			
William Joiner	1	"	1799	1	.	.	1		
Eli Billing	1	"	1812	1	.	.	1		
Nathaniel Holby	1	"	1811	.	.	.	1		
Amos Dannelly	1	"	1812	1	.	.		1	
Howel Banxton	1	"	1811	1	.	.			
Walter Carnuth	1	"	1812	1	.	.	1		
Joseph Dean	1	"	1788	.	.	.	1		
Charles Stewart	1	"	1802	.	.	.	1		
Joseph Lambert	1	"	1808	.	.	.	1		
Paul Guitrair	1	"	1808	.	.	.	1		
Antonio Didell	1	"	1808	.	.	.	1		
Alexander Vrina	1	"	1808	.	.	.	1		
Louis Loubill	1	"	1808	.	.	.	1		
Joseph Herd	1	"	1802	1	.	.	1		
Mathew Brignau	1	"	1809	.	.	.	1		
Jacob Vauser	1	"	1802	.	.	.	1		

Gregory Brown	1	.	1809	.	.	.	1	
Thomas Carpenter	1	.	1805	.	1	.		
Jeptha Douglass	1	.	1811	.	1	.		
Richard T. Kell	1	.	1806	.	.	.	1	Inhabited one year.
Leonard Forbs	1	.	1811	.	1	.		
Michael Chambly	1	.	1818	.	.	1		
Jacob Chambers	1	.	1812	.	.	1		
William Haws	1	.	1810	1	.	1		
John McMullin	1	.	1803					
John Montgomery	1	.	1810	1	.	.	1	
John Ferguson	1	.	1813	1	.	.	1	
Jesse Hooper	1	.	1810	1	.	.	1	
Henry Leach	1	.	1811	.	.	.	1	
Henry Day	1	.	1814	1	.	.	1	
David Lizenby	1	.	1816	1				
John Sterling	1	.	1811	1	1			
John Adams	1	.	1808	.	.	.	.	1
Ephraim Elsey	1	.	1812	1	.	.	.	1
Ezra Courtney	1	.	1815	.	1			
T. B. Taylor	1	.	1813	1	.	.	.	1
William Cane	1	.	1812	.	.	1		
Jonathan Cunington for Murphey	1	.	1808	.	.	1		
Robert Fluker	1	.	1816	.	.	.	1	
John D. Singleton	1	.	1808	.	.	.	.	1
Zachariah Tobler	1	.	1813	.	.	1		
David Taylor	1	.	1811	1	.	.	.	1
William Ellis	1	.	1811	1	.	.	.	1
James Brown	1	.	1817	.	1	.	.	1

Inhabited one year.

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Jesse Baggot	1	.	1816	1	
William Chancey	1	.	1816	1	
John Lee	1	.	1813	.	1	.	.		
Thomas Brown	1	.	1812	.	1	.	.		
Eli Crocket	1	.	1811	1	
Hezekiah Hanill	1	.	1808	1	1	.	.		
Eli Chance	1	.	1808	.	1	.	.		
Herbert Morgan	1	.	1810	1	1	.	1		
Henry Day	1	.	1817		
Asa Day	1	.	1816	1	
Elisha B. Moss	1	.	1817	.	1	.	.		
John Joiner	1	.	1816	1	
Joshua Ammond	1	.	1810	.	.	1	.		
John W. Ward	1	.	1811	1	
Daniel Cryer	1	.	1819	1	
Jemima Smith	1	.	1807	1	
Sherard Adams	1	.	1810	1	
Robert Fluker	1	.	1812	1	[viz. 1812. Cultivated one year.

Thomas Galloway	1	.	1811	.	.	1		
F. Milon	1	.	1809	.	.	1		
G. Night	1	.	1811	.	.	1		
Robert Sibly	1	.	1815	.	.	.	1	
Jonathan Butler	1	.	1812	.	1	.	.	Inhabited and cultivat-
Willis L. Ballard	1	January	1819	.	1	.	.	ed three years.
Jeremiah Smith	1	do	1811	1	1	.	1	
John Keller	1	March	1819	.	.	.	.
Charles Everard	1	.	1813	.	.	1		
James Brashears	1	.	1812	.	.	.	1	
William Dally	1	December	1819	.	.	1		
William Allen	1	.	1816	1	.	1		
Solomon Hogen	1	.	1810	.	1	.	1	Cultivated only dur-
George Colfield's heirs	1	.	1798	.	.	.	1	ing 1810.
Elijah Bush	1	.	1811	.	.	.		
Needham Blount	1	.	1813	.	.	1		
William Brown	1	.	1810	.	.	1		
William P. Rose	1	.	1798	1	.	1	.	Inhabited one year;
Hugh Flanakan	1	.	1800	.	.	.	1	driven off by the In-
Peter Banxton	1	.	1811	1	.	.	.	dians.
Reddock Sibly	1	.	1811	.	.	.	1	
John Fornece	1	.	1812	.	1	.		
Stephen Stinson	1	.	1808	.	.	.	1	
Joseph George	1	.	1817	.	.	.	1	
Mary Gorman	1	.	1810	.	.	.	1	
Thomas Hunter	1	.	1802	.	.	.		
Thomas C. Hunt	1	.	1810	.	1	.		
Abram Craker	1	.	1810	.	.	.		
W. W. Johnston	1	.	1804	1	1	.		

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Augustus Herbert	1	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	
David Buchan	1	-	1813	-	-	-	-	1	
Robert Pybourn	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Micj. Henry	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Bradford Kemp	1	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	
Benj. Bryan	1	-	1813	-	1	-	-	-	
John Dearmond	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Joel Ott	1	-	1804	-	-	-	-	1	
Wm. Wright	1	-	1816	-	1	-	-	-	
William Corner	1	-	1803	-	-	1	-	-	
Mrs. Vaughn	1	-	1812	-	-	1	-	-	
Jas. Fanner	1	-	1806	-	-	-	1	-	
Michael Finn	1	-	1818	-	-	-	1	-	
Robert Dyer	1	-	1811	-	1	-	-	-	
Jos. Smith	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Matthew Jones	1	-	1812	-	1	-	-	-	
Peter James	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Jos. Puliam	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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